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DULLES DENIES REPORT OF U.S. SEEKING TO SOLVE ARAB REFUGEE PROBLEM

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State John Foster Dulles today denied knowledge of a reported American move to solve the Arab refugee problem. He told a press conference that he knew of no talks reportedly conducted by the United States with friendly governments on the feasibility of a new international effort to solve the Arab refugee problem.

The report on which Mr. Dulles was queried emanated from Washington and was attributed to "diplomatic circles." It said that Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. representative at the United Nations, has been discussing the Arab refugee problem quietly with other governments at the United Nations for nearly a month. "U.N. Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold also is reported exploring the matter informally," the report alleged.

According to the report, neither the Arab countries nor Israel have been brought into the talks thus far, but they may be approached later if the current discussions demonstrate prospect of success.

At his press conference today, Secretary Dulles said the position of the U.S. Government with regard to the Arab refugee problem continues to be that enunciated in the past. He said he was not aware of any new development. He termed the Arab refugee issue "a great humanitarian problem" that the United States would like to see solved. Buthe added that he regretted very much that "Egyptian propaganda" at this juncture makes a solution more difficult. This was in reference to Egyptian allegations that the United States, in collusion with Israel and Arab states friendly to the United States, was plotting a settlement at the expense of Arab refugees.

Mr. Dulles indicated, however, that he did not preclude the possibility of exploratory moves because this would be in line generally with American policy. It was the standard position of the United States to work continuously toward a settlement, he pointed out. At the same time, he emphasized that he knew of no such talks as those reported today which alleged activity on the part of Mr. Lodge and Secretary General Hammarskjold.

Secretary Dulles said that he met last week with Henry R. Labouisse, director of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees. He indicated that this meeting was in line with the general standing policy and that there was nothing exceptional about it.

"Procedural Discussions" Held at U.N.; No Negotiations

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., June 25. (JTA) -- An American source at the United Nations denied today that the United States was involved in negotiations here on the situation of the Arab refugees. However, the source said that procedural discussions had been taking place to see if a basis could be found for improvement of the refugee situation in the Middle East, either formally through the General Assembly or informally through Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold.

It was stressed that these talks were not in the form of negotiations because no formal plan had been proposed. But, the American source emphasized, it is well known that the United States considers the refugee situation the Number One obstacle to peace in the region.

Israel Knows of No Talks on Solution of Arab Refugee Problem

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA) -- The Israel Government denied last night any knowledge of reported talks between the United States and other countries on a solution to the Arab refugee problem. The denial was made by a Foreign Ministry spokesman.

The same spokesman said that recent visitors to the Arab states reported that the Arab governments had learned that the Arab refugee problem was a "double edge sword" which could not be used only to hack away at Israel. He referred to recent riots in Arab states where refugees were being kept in temporary quarters along Israel's borders as a political weapon rather than resettled in the interior and helped to live normal lives.

However, the Israeli spokesman expressed the opinion that this realization of the danger of further exploitation of the Arab refugee plight had not yet progressed to the point where the Arab leaders were ready to act on a solution.

U.S. WILL NOT SEND ARMS TO ISRAEL TO BALANCE EGYPTIAN SUBMARINES

WASHINGTON, June 25. (JTA) -- Secretary of State Dulles today told a press conference that the United States deplores the transfer of submarines by the Soviet Union to Egypt.

Mr. Dulles said that apart from whether the sale of submarines to Egypt was a violation of a United Nations resolution calling for suspension of arms deliveries to the Near East, the development was part of studied Soviet efforts to maintain regional tension and danger by large arms shipments.

The Secretary made known that the United States does not yet consider that an imbalance exists that would make it necessary or appropriate for the United States to furnish balancing weapons to Israel.

SYRIANS CONCENTRATE ARMED FORCES ON ISRAEL BORDER; GUNFIRE REPORTED

TEL AVIV, June 25. (JTA) -- Israeli officials reported today a "significant" Syrian army concentration along the Israel border particularly in the Mishmar Hayarden section, the scene of heavy Syrian gunfire last night which resulted in the fatal wounding of a woman settlement member. Tension increased noticeably in the border area.

Israeli Army officers reported that artillery pieces have been placed in position at the border by the Syrians and the number of guards at Syrian rifle positions have been increased. Israeli officials suggested that the new upsurge of border violence might be due to the aggravation of internal hardships in Syria and the need to divert public opinion.

In the face of new violence, Israeli settlers took measures to protect settlements against future Syrian attacks. Harvest work continued in the fields with more guards placed to protect the workers. The woman killed in the Gadot settlement in last night's attack was Haya Goldsmidt, a nurse, who was shot as she hurried to the settlement clinic when the attack began. The fire was returned.

Israel Foreign Minister Requests U. N. Warning to Syria

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA) -- Foreign Minister Golda Meir today requested the United Nations Truce Supervision Organization chief, Col. Byron Leary, to warn Syria against further shooting and landmine incidents along the Israel-Syrian demarcation line. Mrs. Meir, who invited Col. Leary to Jerusalem to discuss the situation, noted that a number of Israeli lives had been lost in the past two weeks as a result of these attacks.

Mrs. Meir, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said, asked the United Nations to "alert the Syrian authorities to the grave responsibility they bear for the incidents along the border and to alert them to the duty to take immediately all the necessary steps to halt attacks by their forces. The Foreign Minister, who insisted the Syrians are completely responsible for the situation, recalled that when UN observers asked Syria some weeks ago to end its aggression, "tranquillity prevailed for some time."

Questioned by newsmen, the Foreign Ministry spokesman could not say whether Israel contemplates requesting a Security Council meeting on the Syrian situation, but indicated that Israel first wants to try again an approach through the UN Truce Supervision Organization. The situation is complicated by the fact that the Israelis, supported by the UN staff, refuse to permit the Mixed Armistice Commission to discuss questions relating to the demilitarized zone within Israel territory, holding that such questions are outside MAC's jurisdiction. The Syrians, for their part, refuse to discuss any other complaints unless MAC first considers their complaints against Israeli activities in the demilitarized zone.

BEN GURION ADDRESSES CONVENTION OF GENERAL ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 25. (JTA) -- The 21st national convention of the centrist General Zionist Party of Israel opened here today with 600 delegates and hundreds of guests in attendance. The parley heard a short, non-political speech by Premier David Ben Gurion.

The Premier devoted his address to "Messianic vision," by which he said he meant the same thing which Jews abroad mean when they refer to themselves as Zionists. He asserted that since the Jewish State was established a definition of Zionism had perplexed the Jews. There cannot be Zionism without immigration to Israel, he continued, but since "nobody can deny the right of any Jew in the Diaspora to call himself a Zionist," he prefers the term "Messianic vision" as a description of this form of Zionism.

Dr. Peretz Bernstein, leader of the General Zionist Party, in his opening remarks hammered away at the domestic and foreign policy of the Mapai, the leading party in the government coalition. He charged that party politics in the settlements, public services and the civil service deters Jews from settling in Israel.

Referring to the country's security situation, Dr. Bernstein insisted that because of Israel's small area and geographic structure an "active defense" is unavoidable. "We cannot take a chance on being attacked first. Foreign help--even if secured--would come too late," he warned. In the "verbal struggle" between Israel and the Arab states Dr. Bernstein recommended restraint of language.

N. C. R. A. C. CONVENTION ASKS FOR ADMISSION OF EGYPTIAN JEWS TO U.S.

CLEVELAND, June 25. (JTA) -- The three-day annual conference of the National Community Relations Advisory Council, which represents six national Jewish organizations and 38 local Jewish Community Councils, concluded here last night with the adoption of resolutions calling for the elimination of the national origins quota system and asking the U.S. Government to admit a "fair share" of Jewish refugees from Egypt, under the parolee provisions of the U.S. immigration laws. Other resolutions asked for:

1. The U.S. Government to refuse to tolerate discrimination by foreign states against U.S. citizens on religious grounds, as is done under the treaty covering United States use of the airfield at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

2. Vigorous presidential action to assure that "desegregation as the law of the land is obeyed and that the shocking resort to violence and intimidation in many communities is halted."

3. Exercise by all governmental agencies, Federal, State and local, of their full authority to prevent interference with abridgements of constitutional liberties.

4. Enactment of the civil rights bill pending in Congress, without "crippling amendments," such as that proposing jury trials in cases of contempt of federal court orders issued pursuant to the proposed law.

5. Intervention by the Federal Government in court proceeding to vindicate the "right of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to function without unreasonable restraint."

6. Withholding of government aid to schools under religious control, for transportation, textbooks or other purposes. "We are not opposed," this resolution states, "to the use of any school for the provision of lunches, medical and dental services to children."

Another resolution reaffirmed the commitment of the constituent organizations "to cooperation in the common cause of better Jewish community relations" and expressed "regret that certain national Jewish community relations agencies are not participating in the cooperative process" and again inviting those agencies to join.

David L. Ullman, of Philadelphia, was elected chairman of the National Community Relations Advisory Council at the closing session. He succeeds Bernard H. Trager, of Bridgeport, who served four successive terms and now becomes a permanent member ex-officio of the NCRAC executive committee.

JEWS FARMERS IN U.S. HAD DIFFICULT YEAR, AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY REPORTS

NEW YORK, June 25. (JTA) -- The difficulties affecting poultry farmers generally during 1956 also made it a poor year for Jewish farmers in the United States, who are largely concentrated in poultry and egg farming, the Jewish Agricultural Society announced today in its annual report.

Adverse conditions in the industry also caused a decrease in new farm settlements made by the Society last year for new immigrants. Dr. Theodore Norman, general manager, said that many of the affected farmers are former Displaced Persons aided by the Society in the past. He reported that most of the loans granted by the Society in 1956 went to established Jewish farmers to help them meet the adverse conditions of the industry.

Most Jewish farmers, he noted, are concentrated in the northeastern region and in California. Jewish farmers in the Los Angeles area suffered a problem created by the steady expansion of suburban areas. The expansion is engulfing farms and forcing Jewish and non-Jewish farmers to transplant to new locations often hundreds of miles away.

The Society during 1956 for the first time provided three scholarships to advanced Israeli students of agronomy to study in the United States, in cooperation with the Israeli Ministry of Education. Dr. Norman said the first recipients were expected to start their studies here in the fall.

500,000 JEWS IN U.S. ARE 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OVER, SURVEY ESTABLISHES

BOSTON, June 25. (JTA) -- Some 500,000 Jews, about one in ten in the United States, is 65 years of age or over, according to a survey conducted in this and a number of other cities. The local survey was conducted by B'nai B'rith group guidance office and the Jewish Vocational Service of Greater Boston. Similar studies have been carried out in Cincinnati and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The survey also revealed that Jewish wives outlive their husbands in the ratio of three to one. Two-thirds of the women over 65 interviewed in the local study were widows, but only one-third of the men were widowers.

A college education apparently helps senior men hold on to jobs after 65, the study established. Although only one in every three Jewish men was fully employed after 65, a full half of those who graduated from college are still employed. Two out of every ten have a part-time job and the remaining five of each ten are unemployed or retired.

ISRAEL SPEAKS FOR ISRAELIS ONLY; BEN GURION ASSURES A. J. C. DELEGATION

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA) -- While Israel is open to all Jews who desire or need to come to live in Israel, it has been emphasized on numerous occasions that Israel represents and speaks on behalf of its own citizens and in no way represents or speaks for Jews in other countries, Premier David Ben Gurion today told an American Jewish Committee delegation which had just completed a week-long tour of the Jewish State.

Committee sources disclosed that Mr. Ben Gurion indicated to them that upon the completion of the delegation's mission a statement to this effect would be issued officially. The delegation, headed by AJC president Irving Engel and executive vice president John Slawson, met twice with Mr. Ben Gurion and with a number of Jewish and Arab cultural leaders.

The Ben Gurion statement was elicited in connection with one of the three major objectives of the delegation: clarification of the relationship of American Jews to Israel. Another point raised by the AJC unit was the status of the Arab minority in Israel and the extent of Israel's readiness to participate in a solution of the Arab refugee problem. The impression gained here is that the delegation understood that moving toward a solution is the primary responsibility of the Arab countries.

A third point of discussion was the status of Reform Judaism in Israel. The Premier reiterated that if Jews inside Israel want to establish Reform congregations they will not be hindered.

A. J. C. President Satisfied with Ben Gurion's Statement

"The attachment of the Jews throughout the world for Israel is based on a joint spiritual and cultural heritage," Mr. Ben Gurion told the Committee. "Jews throughout the world are expressing their attachment and dedication to Israel in various ways. But these, in whatever form they may be expressed carry no political connotations whatsoever."

Mr. Engel expressed satisfaction with the statement, adding that the "American Jewish Committee and we believe that overwhelmingly the majority of the American Jews adhere to the principle that Israel represents only the citizens of Israel." He made it clear that "we do not accept the assertion that unless the Jews settle in Israel they are doomed either to physical or spiritual extinction."

Emphasizing that the American Jewish Committee supported the creation of Israel, Mr. Engel said: "We have been doing this and shall continue because we believe that for a large number of Jews, Israel represents a central source of spiritual nourishment." In stressing the AJC's support of Israel, Mr. Engel said that the "interests of Israel and of the United States are in full harmony and a viable Israel will help strengthen the United States and the free world's position."

CONSTRUCTION OF HEBREW UNION COLLEGE SCHOOL STARTED IN JERUSALEM

JERUSALEM, June 25. (JTA) -- With a deliberate absence of ceremony to avoid provoking demonstrations by extreme Orthodox elements, construction began yesterday on the Jerusalem school of the Hebrew Union College, the Reform Seminary, near the King David Hotel.

The two-story Reform school will offer advanced courses in Bible, archaeology and Near East studies and will contain a chapel for worship by students. Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the parent seminary in the United States, arrived last month to supervise the start of construction and will remain until August.

Application last year for a building license for the school produced heated debate in the Jerusalem Municipal Council whose Orthodox members sought to block the project on grounds that the chapel would be used to introduce Reform services to Israel.

RABBINICAL CONVENTION URGES ORTHODOX JEWS TO STRENGTHEN EDUCATION

FALLSBURGH, N. Y., June 25. (JTA) -- Orthodox Jews in the United States were urged at the convention of the Rabbinical Council of America today to spend an additional \$25,000,000 next year to strengthen Jewish education on all levels.

The recommendation was made by Dr. Joseph Kaminetsky, executive director of the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools. He reported that American Orthodox Jews have been spending \$25,000,000 annually for the furtherance of Jewish education.

Rabbi Solomon H. Sharfman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, asserted last night that "virtually all American Jews" will in the next 50 years "be associated with Jewish religious life, particularly with synagogue dynamics and religious community affairs." Speaking at the opening of the four-day convention of the council, which represents Orthodox rabbis, he warned that the synagogue "must not be used merely as a social center for purely fraternal or pleasurable purposes."

"The Jewish collectivity," he continued, "will be so well organized in the year 2000 that its vast network of schools, seminaries, hospitals, social agencies and philanthropic organizations will be able to cater to the needs of both American and foreign Jewish communities."